

Welcome to Alexandria

We ask that you and your guests please observe the following rules and regulations while at the City Marina. This will ensure a more enjoyable stay in Alexandria for you and others. For tourist information visit the Ramsay House Visitors Center, located at King and Fairfax Streets.

All vessels must register and pay dockage fees with the Dockmaster or his/her representatives upon arrival. The following rules and regulations are applicable to all vessels docking at the Alexandria City Marina.

1. Vessels must have operational engine(s) and, except in the case of an emergency, must be under power, not sail, when entering or leaving the marina.
2. Vessels shall be subject to periodic inspection by the City to ensure the following: conformity with United States Coast Guard rules and regulations; maintenance of proper safety conditions while at the Marina, including such safety concerns as the proper placement of dock lines and properly operating engine(s); and the overall cleanliness, appearance and maintenance of the vessel.
3. Vessels granted a slip at the Torpedo Factory south pier shall be ones for pleasure only, except by special permit from the City.
4. Vessels shall be registered, documented, marked and maintained as required by law and safe practice. Boats that are not marked or identified and licensed as required by law will not be permitted to use the municipal facilities.
5. If a vessel needs to be moved and the occupants cannot be reached after a reasonable attempt has been made, the City reserves the right to have a vessel moved to another location, at the owner's expense, but the City shall not be liable for any damages that result from such relocation.
6. Vessels that are abandoned or whose owners have not paid dockage fees after notice is provided by the City to the vessel by the procedures set forth in section 6-3-7 of the Alexandria City Code may be removed by the City.
7. The vessel owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her guests and for any damage caused by the vessel while located within, departing, or approaching the City Marina.
8. Boisterous conduct and loud music are prohibited.
9. No maintenance, painting or repair of vessels is permitted while a vessel is tied up at the City Marina without prior approval of the Dockmaster.
10. All walkways, pilings, and other marina facilities shall be kept clear of materials such as carpeting, storage boxes, dinghies, and cushions. Water hoses and power cords to shore must be neatly positioned so as not to impede traffic to and from adjacent vessels. Please respect the property of others.
11. All refuse and trash must be placed in the receptacles provided on the pier. The off-loading of items such as waste oil and batteries, the contents of which could stain the dock, are prohibited without the Dockmaster's prior approval.
12. Laundry is not to be hung from boat rigging, lifelines, pulpits, slips or docks.
13. All boats shall be equipped with a fully functioning bilge pump.
14. The discharge of raw sewage or other waste into the river is prohibited.
15. No vessel may dock overnight at the city marina unless equipped with a holding tank.

16. No swimming, windsurfing, jet skiing, diving, or fishing is permitted at the City Marina.
17. Commercial advertising, including “For Sale” signs, is prohibited.
18. While at the City Marina, no vessel may engage in boat charters or boat rides, nor may merchandise or services be sold from it, nor may any other commercial activity be conducted from it without the prior approval of the Dockmaster.
19. Open fires on docks and boats are prohibited.
20. Pets must be leashed at all times while traveling on City property (Code 5-7-35). Owners must cleanup after their pets (Code 5-7-42).
21. Boats must be in seaworthy condition and not constitute a fire hazard.
22. The public consumption of alcoholic beverages at the City Marina is prohibited unless in conjunction with a special event authorized by the City.
23. Applications for yearly/monthly boat slips are considered as follows: first, application from a City of Alexandria resident for a boat they own or an owner of a City of Alexandria business for a boat they own; second, application from an individual employed in the City of Alexandria for a boat they own; third, all other applications.
24. Violation of any of these rules and regulations and/or other improper conduct by a vessel owner or his or her guest may be cause for immediate cancellation of the owner’s contract.
25. The City reserves the right to not refund fees for the rental of any slip at the City Marina when the City terminates a slip rental contract pursuant to a violation of these rules and regulations.
26. It is agreed that fees do not include charges for work of any kind, including emergency work. The City Marina shall be paid by the owner for all services performed, or goods or materials used in any work done to safeguard the boat, whether or not the work was successful. Failure to pay such charges when due may, at the City’s option, be treated in the same manner as failure to pay slip rent when due.
27. The city reserves the right to reject this application if the subject vessel’s electrical service requirements exceed the marina’s capabilities at available dock space.
28. The City shall not be held liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered by persons and vessels while staying at City-operated marina facilities.
29. The City shall have the authority to interpret and enforce these rules and regulations in its best interests.

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